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The MAPS Media Institute (MMI) is a workforce training and community development media arts program that delivers an ROI in human and real capital.

Formerly known as MAPS: Media Arts in the Public Schools, enrollment will be open to students from all six Ravalli County (pop. 44,000) high schools - and for the first time - adult participants.

This project will foster skills transferable to a wide variety of professional endeavors and conducive to personal growth. MMI's new centralized location will enable expansion to a more diverse pool of participants, including youth who are considered to be at-risk through their exposure to such risk factors as poverty, lack of education and lack of opportunity.

The Ravalli County Commissioners strongly support the expansion of the MMI project and look forward to working with Mr. Rosten and the MAPS Media Institute.

Sincerely,

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